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REPUBLICAN CONVENTION

The Republican Convention, called for the purpose of selecting six delegates to the state convention at Albuquerque, on April 25, was held at Silver City Saturday afternoon.

There was a wide representation at the convention, showing a deep interest manifested in minor affairs of the party and which assures a deeper consideration for the more important matters contained in the year.

Lordsburg was represented by N. J. Scott and Faris V. Bush. Large delegations were present from Santa Rita, Hurley, Pinos Altos, Fierro, Central and the Mimbres section. Silver City had sixteen delegates.

The only business before the convention, as stated before, was the nomination of six delegates and six alternates to the state convention, at which time delegates will be appointed to attend the Republican National Convention at Chicago.

Holmes Maddox of Animas was elected an alternate for delegate E. M. Sawyer, of Tyrone, N. M. Other delegates were appointed from Hurley, Santa Rita, Silver City, Fierro and Central. No resolutions were adopted. Perfect harmony prevailed at all times.

L. H. Bartlett of Santa Rita was elected chairman of the convention, and Carl Comstock, secretary.

DENIES EXTRADITION

Governor G. W. P. Hunt of Arizona, on Monday of last week, after hearing argument for the honoring of the requisitions on George F. Gardiner and C. E. Pettigall in connection with the failure of the Peoples' Bank & Trust Co., of Silver City, refused to honor same on the ground that he would not permit "citizens of Arizona to be returned to another state to be railroaded to the penitentiary." That in substance was his reply to the arguments of Assistant District Attorney Vaught of New Mexico, and the assistant attorney general of Arizona, who assisted Mr. Vaught on request.

BUYS HANDSOME BUICK

Earle Kerr, local agent for the Buick Motor car, sold Dr. E. C. DeMoss a handsome new six cylinder roadster, which will arrive here in a very short time. The sale was made Monday.

BUYS PROPERTY FOR A STATION

The Continental Oil Company, Inc., has purchased four lots in Block 6 of Brown's addition to the town of Lordsburg from J. S. Brown and will soon erect an oil service station here.

The Continental Oil Company has been considering this innovation for some time past, and the purchase is not altogether unexpected. The new service station is near the plant of the Lordsburg Power Company and from it various consumers of crude oil, gasoline, kerosene, and the various Continental products will be supplied.

The station will give employment to several men and will be a big asset to the town in filling local wants.

SUIT ENTERED AGAINST 85

A Santa Fe, N. M., news dispatch dated April 17, carries the following information:

Suit was filed in the federal court today by the government, through United States District Attorney, Summers Burkhardt, against the Eighty-Five Mining Company and A. P. Warner, at Lordsburg, on six counts, charging violation of the immigration law by the importation of workmen to be employed as diamond drillers at the defendants' mines. The sum of \$1,000 is asked in damages on each count. The men mentioned as having been imported from Canada are David Belladown, Asa Wilsie, R. E. McDonald, Richard Baker, Fred Lawson, and William Deslozes. It is alleged in the complaint that the Smith and Travers Diamond Drill Contracting Company entered into an agreement known to the defendant to send the men from Canada into New Mexico.

CLIFTON LINES UP TEAM

The baseball bug is alive in Clifton. Last Sunday the fans got together, brought out the baseball boys and started things humming. Clifton expects to have a first class team.

Lordsburg also expects to have a first class team; so there the matter stands until the two teams have an opportunity to fight it out.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Foster, of Duncan, Ariz., a son, on April 8.

REPORT BRINGS MEN TO ARMS

What was probably the highest pitch of excitement ever aroused in Lordsburg, was manifest Sunday evening about 9 o'clock when a telegram was received here from Separ, eighteen miles east, telling of the approach of a band of seventy-five armed Mexicans, who were alleged to have been seen by a party of tourists, who were lunching near Separ. Simultaneously the word was received by the operator in Deming and a posse organized there to protect No. 9, on the Southern Pacific, which was about due to leave.

According to all accounts the true version of the affair was that two women and a man traveling eastward in an automobile rushed into the telephone office at Separ Sunday night, telling the telegrapher that they had been eating lunch about two miles west of Separ, on the Borderland route, and had seen a band of armed, mounted Mexicans, numbering about seventy-five, moving westward. The names of the parties were not secured nor could their destination be traced. Immediately the news was spread broadcast.

It was announced throughout Lordsburg and the men brought forward all the arms contained in the town, supplying those not equipped and preparing for anything that might arise. It was announced in all the churches and messengers visited all the homes, telling of the report from Separ. The women and children were advised to go to the schoolhouse, where lights were dimmed and guards stationed. Patrols were organized and the borders of the town carefully watched.

Constable Oscar Allen and a mounted posse left at once for Separ and scoured the country where the Mexicans were alleged to have been seen. The place where the auto party lunched was found but no trace of horses could be found at any place in the country. No persons had seen any Mexicans and no news of any character was ascertained.

Meanwhile in Lordsburg the citizens armed themselves and were prepared for any attack. It is estimated that over 800 armed men and boys gathered in the streets ready to meet whatever might come. The crowd was orderly and every man kept cool. Some took various stands on the east side, while everyone was ready for protecting the town.

Number 9 was held up an hour at Deming, where railroad officers, and attaches of the sheriff's office organized a posse of 30 men who accompanied the train to Lordsburg. Two machine guns were mounted on the train. Number 9 arrived here at 1 o'clock a. m. with all lights dimmed. The Deming men mounted their machine gun at points most suited in town and offered their aid to the Lordsburg men. By 3 o'clock the excitement had subsided and the Deming people returned home on No. 102 at 4 o'clock.

During the rest of the morning the Lordsburg men kept vigil and did not leave their posts until 7 and 8 o'clock.

To further the excitement there were rumors circulated that the Mexicans at the 85 Mine were acting suspiciously and that "trouble was brewing." Men from Lordsburg went up to the mine and found that conditions there were peaceful and the camp void of any disturbance. Sundry reports were told of how the men were sending their women folks to Lordsburg during the evening and how they had gathered together about 9 o'clock. However, all was well at the camp.

While the affair of Sunday night did not necessitate the action of the organized force, it gave the people an idea of what would be done in case of trouble. Our men are prepared and were given an opportunity to show their colors.

CHIEF DEPUTY APPOINTED

Sheriff Herbert J. McGrath has announced the appointment of Jesse C. Stansel, formerly of El Paso, Tex., to be chief deputy sheriff of Grant county, to succeed Robert J. McCart, who recently resigned.

Mr. Stansel was chief of detectives of El Paso for seven years, serving under two chiefs of police and two mayors. During these years he made a record that attracted attention throughout the country.

Mr. Stansel will have charge of the sheriff's office during the absence of Sheriff McGrath, and also will enter actively into the outside work incident to the investigation of crime and the running down of criminals and violators of the law in general.

First City Election Takes Place Tuesday

Lordsburg's first city election will take place Tuesday, April 25th. The week has been uneventful as regards progress of the campaign launched at a meeting of the citizens a week ago.

The ticket as given before is in the field and will doubtless be elected.

The judges of the election will be Frank R. Coon, J. A. Leahy and H. L. Gammon. The clerks: Howard Boyd and George Haydon. Every citizen should be on hand for the election Tuesday and cast a non-partisan vote. The editorial columns of this week's Liberal contain further comment on the election.

BALLARD STABBED BY MEXICAN

On the road to the Playas valley about a mile southwest of Leidendorf Monday afternoon, W. A. Ballard a well known goat raiser of the Playas was stabbed in the back by a Mexican named Gonzales who later made his escape.

Ballard and the Mexican who was one of his employees came to Lordsburg Monday morning for the Mexican to receive medical treatment. Mr. Ballard transacted business at the local bank and it is believed that Gonzales thought he carried with him some money. The couple were returning in a wagon and after they had passed Leidendorf the Mexican turned upon Ballard with a sharp knife stabbing him in the back four times. There was no altercation between the two and the attack was most vicious.

The stabbed man jumped from the wagon, and out-ran Gonzales, reaching the Nellie Bly mine where he fainted from the loss of blood. Col. B. W. Randall brought him to Lordsburg where the wounds were dressed by Dr. Crocker. Mr. Ballard was able to walk but was very weak.

A posse was organized by S. M. Chase, Joe Olney, Russell Wing and Eugene Montague who motored to the scene of the stabbing. The wagon was traced into the Animas side of the valley. A posse from the 85 mine of about ten men joined in pursuit and a number of citizens from Lordsburg aided in scouring the mountains in search of Gonzales. The bloodhound kept here by the Southern Pacific was taken to the scene but neither at night or in the morning would he take the trail which had been discerned by the posse.

All during the night and morning and far into the afternoon the country was thoroughly searched but the man was not found.

BISHOP HERE

Bishop Schuller of El Paso and Father Carnot of Deming were distinguished visitors here the first of the week. On Monday afternoon a reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Leahy where a large number of local people met the bishop.

HACHITA PRISONERS HERE

Deputy sheriff Schrimpsier and R. W. Murry of Hachita were here Wednesday afternoon bringing with them three prisoners who are to have a hearing before Justice C. W. Marsalis Saturday.

Kerby Marsh was one of the men. Marsh was charged with having shot George Ratlich on a ranch near the Mexico line Tuesday. The injured man was sent to an El Paso Hospital, where he may die, the officers bringing Marsh here for trial. The shooting is said to have occurred over an altercation between the two men.

Albert Riggs will be arraigned before the local justice of the peace for the alleged theft of a horse from the Victoria Land & Cattle Company. The other man brought up was arrested on a vagrancy charge.

The last issue of the "World's Work" contains several half-page pictures labeled "A Mormon Colony in Mexico" which shows scenes of Frank R. Cline's ranch at Gold Hill and also his residence in Silver City while a sidewalk was being laid.

BALL PARK FOR LORDSBURG

At a meeting of the Lordsburg baseball fans the last of the week it was decided to build a grand stand and fence the park located on the McGrath track west of town. The cost will come to \$626.00, not including the labor. Contractor William McSwain presented the figures, which were accepted unanimously. There will be 9100 feet of lumber in the grand stand and 1300 feet in the fence. It is expected that much of the labor will be donated.

Harry Wright was elected chairman of the Lordsburg Baseball Association. W. T. Ervin was chosen as manager and captain of the team and Jack Leonard and Wm. McSwain empowered to order the erection of the grand stand and fence the park.

Sunday the ball players got together and had a try-out, which showed up some good material.

Those who have contributed to the baseball fund and were not mentioned in last week's paper are: Ira Johnson, \$50; Scott Garage, \$15; J. H. Fitzpatrick, A. J. Leonard, Ronald Egon, each \$5; W. T. Brinley, \$3; A. Locklear and Mrs. M. M. Stevens \$2.50 each; Surprise Grocery, \$2.

It is requested that those subscribing amounts not already paid kindly deposit same with the First National Bank to the credit of the baseball association.

Morris & Wright have donated suits to the Lordsburg Baseball Club. The suits will be the best quality manufactured by Spaulding and will have the lettering "Lordsburg Peppers."

IN FAVOR OF HOSPITAL

There has been much favorable comment launched within the past week for the establishment of a Ladies' Hospital for Lordsburg. Since the incorporation of this City it is believed that the assistance of the legislature, both in the erection and maintenance of the institution, could be secured.

Lordsburg is greatly in need of a hospital and should the project not be too burdensome one should be established along the same lines as the general hospitals at Silver City and Deming.

The two local practicing physicians have extended liberal contributions and with the support of the mines, railroads and individual interests is quite possible that a hospital could be made a realization with the proper energy behind it.

STATE OFFICIALS HERE

On a tour of New Mexico to inspect the public schools, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Alvan N. White and State Superintendent of Industrial Education L. C. Mersfelder, both of Santa Fe, arrived in Lordsburg Wednesday. They are traveling in an automobile.

The two state officials, in company with County School Superintendent Isabel L. Eckles Monday began a visit to the rural schools of Grant county. The first day's itinerary included Fierro, Hanover, Santa Rita, Arenas and Central. Tuesday the party made a trip down the Mimbres river and Wednesday they visited White Signal, Tyrone and then on to Lordsburg.

ANIMAS VALLEY

Judge O. G. King is rusticating at the XT ranch for a few days.

R. S. Burns, who came here from Texas last winter, is prospecting for water near Pratt, and if successful in his search, for water, will locate a claim there.

Those who have orchards in the valley report that there is a chance for a fair apple crop this season. Although the peaches were entirely destroyed by the cold weather, some of the plums have escaped up to this time. However, as we were visited by a killing frost last May, it is too early to forecast the first crop with any certainty.

A pedagogue employed in a school just across the Arizona border, evidently believing that he was making money too slowly, sold a large number of his friends a formula for making soft soap, and the soap as demonstrated was a wonder. Some of the credulous ones mortgaged their homes to buy state rights. When the supply of prospective soap-makers was exhausted, the smooth soap man departed 'twixt dark and daylight, and they have not seen him since. The worst of the matter is, the formula won't make soap, soft or otherwise. It is not safe to mention soft soap in that district.

Lumber is being hauled to the XT ranch for a modern cottage to be built at that place.

WALNUT WELLS

Mrs. Eliza T. Brittan is sojourning in Hachita with friends.

C. O. Wils and family have returned to their ranch after an extended stay in Deming.

Wm. McKinney and Bob Stidham have gone to Mexico to join the Scouts at the front.

We were visited with the promise of a near rain on the 12th followed by a heavy frost.

Don Philips of Cloverdale was in our community again last week looking over his fences.

Mrs. Arther McKinney has moved from Emery Canyon to Columbus.

W. C. Massey is busy building fence and putting in new land on his entry.

W. H. Brittan and family now occupy the Walter Evans' place, having moved out further from the border.

Kent Steen who made a swing around the country for several days has returned and says he saw nothing so good as our valley.

Why don't the various candidates for county offices get their names before the public, that we may have some show to investigate their claims as to fitness for office?

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